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TAGS: PORG, EAIR, ICAO

SUBJ: ICAO: SPLIT IN EUROPE BLOC

1. ITALY REP HAS TOLD USREP CONFIDENTIALLY THAT THERE IS NOW
A COMPLETE BREAK IN THE EUROPEAN BLOC -- THE VYING BETWEEN UK
AND FRANCE HAS BECOME SERIOUS AND THE TWO GROUPS MUST BE HANDLED
SEPARATELY.

2. USREP HAS REPORTED ON THIS DEVELOPMENT FOR SOME TIME.
IT BEGAN AS COMPETITION BETWEEN BRILLIANT YOUNG FRENCH
DIPLOMAT LAMBERT AND SEASONED OLD-SCHOOL AIR VICE MARSHALL
RUSSELL. PROBABLY THE CURRENT SPLIT IS OVER SECGENSHIP. UK
RUSSELL HAS BEEN LEADER IN PRINCIPLE THAT IF PRESIDENCY FRENCH-

SPEAKER, SYG SHOULD BE ENGLISH-SPEAKER. LAMBERT HAS INDEPENDENT-
LY REACHED BEYOND EUROPEANS AND IS PULLING ALL FRENCH-SPEAKERS
(AFRICAN, ARAB, CANADA, ETC.) ON BEHALF HIS OWN CANDIDACY AS SYG.

3. WHEN DECISION-MAKING STARTS ON MLS, THIS BREACH WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY WIDEN.
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